

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention relates to a laboratory equipment ~~in accordance with the preamble to Patent Claim 1.~~

Page 2: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

A laboratory equipment ~~in accordance with the preamble to Patent Claim 1~~ is previously disclosed, for example, in US 3 041 957. In this equipment, the worktop has a basin-like drain channel, which is connected to a refuse tank. The refuse tank is accommodated in a cabinet-like base unit of the mobile laboratory bench executed as a trolley. Situated on the worktop is an extractor hood, which is connected to an exhaust air system that is routed partially through the base unit of the mobile laboratory bench.

Between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

~~The~~ An object of the invention is to make available a laboratory equipment of the aforementioned nature, which is capable of being operated more safely.

4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, delete in its entirety:

~~This object is achieved in accordance with the invention by means of a laboratory equipment having the characteristics of Patent Claim 1.~~

5<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, delete in its entirety:

~~Advantageous further developments are the subject of the dependent Claims.~~

Page 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Illustrative embodiments of the subject of the invention are described below in greater detail with reference to the drawing, in conjunction with which all characteristics that are described and/or figuratively represented individually or in

any desired combination constitute the subject of the present invention, ~~regardless of their inclusion in the Claims or their relationship. In the drawing:~~

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:**

Page 6: Between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:**